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To: FAA
Manager, Airman & Airspace Rules Division
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20591

Re: FAR 121.383(e) Waiver**To: The Manager**

I will be forced to retire on November 11, 2002 because of the provisions of FAR 121.383(e). I would like to formally request a waiver of this regulation for the following reasons:

- I am proficient, as evidenced by the semi-annual proficiency checks and numerous FAA and company line checks I am required to take each year, none of which I have ever failed.**
- I am in perfect health, as evidenced by the semi-annual 1st class physicals I am required to take each year, none of which I have ever failed.**
- I have 34 years and 28,000 hours of accident/incident/violation free flying experience.**
- Taking away my livelihood for no reason except that I had a birthday is blatant age discrimination.**

I believe that keeping people of my skill and flying experience in the cockpit enhances safety and is in the public interest, therefore, I request a waiver of FAR 121.383(e) so I can continue my career.

Respectfully yours,

Captain Leon A. Boyd
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